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THE RESULTS ARE IN!

In Thursday's cover story, "Summer beat wars," we asked readers to text to **87708** their summer song pick. Here are the results of our highly unscientific text poll.



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TODAY'S FORECAST

Occasional showers and storms



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Associated Press

Do you use a sock puppet to secretly keep track of your frenemies?

Plan to spend your staycation watching vlogs and webisodes? Or perhaps you plan to signal a flash mob for a quick bite of shawarma.

If you're not entirely certain what all that means, turn to the latest edition of the Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, which has added about 100 new words that largely reflect changing trends in American society.

John Morse, president and publisher of the Springfield, Mass.-based dictionary, said many of this year's new words are tied to changes in technology, increasing environmental awareness and aging baby boomers' concerns about their health and have become part of the general lexicon.

The environmentally conscious surely will be pleased to see new entries for locavore (one who eats foods grown locally) and green-collar (involving actions for protecting the natural environment).

Gettin' twordy

@redeyechicago thinks "twordy"—as in wordy tweets—should be in the dictionary. Think you can top it? We asked our Twitter followers to try. See what you think. Get your word on with RedEye all the time on Twitter at twitter.com/redeyechicago and on Facebook at facebook.com/redeyechicago.

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@Rebecca_C how about Snuggie? Anything worthy of a pub crawl deserves a dictionary entry.

@jalant "thatswhatshesaid" purely to see what the definition and how to use in a sentence! =P

@AlliLibb They should add Unfortch and Deets, just because they sound much cooler and better for the limitations of social media

@Eisentower30 TWEET!

@leah44star i think all of our acronyms should be added—btw, lol, brb, rofl, and so on—we speak AND write them, like reg words.

@alicetruong I would add ZOMGWTFBQ.

@Chicago_SC canklés

@Zakiya_ Wonky as an adjective, BlackBerry as a verb & Facebook as a verb.

@uhyeahwhatever "countonym" because there should be a real word for "word that's the same, singular or plural" like deer.

@matt_fletcher Sexting

@theseacow my friends and I have used nixmeami (nix-may-ah-may) for years; it means "in bed" :)

@KMiley Ginormous is already in the dictionary. What about staycation?



Iraqi security forces on Thursday secure the site of a bomb concealed in a bicycle parked at a market in Baghdad. AP

FLARE-UP IN IRAQ

IRAQI PRESIDENT DENOUNCES WORST VIOLENCE SINCE U.S. PULLOUT FROM CITIES

Associated Press

BAGHDAD Bombs killed more than 50 people in Iraq on Thursday in the worst violence since U.S. combat troops withdrew from urban areas last week, and American forces released five Iranian officials suspected of aiding Shiite insurgents.

U.S. officials said they believe the Iranians, detained in northern Iraq in January 2007, had facilitated attacks on American-led forces but handed them over to the Iraqi government at its request because they were obliged to do so under a U.S.-Iraqi security agreement.

The U.S. State Department said it was concerned their release could present a security threat to American troops in Iraq.

Iraq's foreign minister, Hoshyar Zebari, called the release a "good initiative" that could encourage dialogue between Washington and Tehran.

The Iranian Embassy said it expected

ATTACK'S AFTERMATH

The most lethal attack Thursday was in the northern city of Tal Afar, where women sat in the street amid torn and bloodied bodies in the aftermath of suicide bombings, wailing and beating their chests in grief. Several men crouched and wept into their hands.

to receive the Iranians, described by their government as diplomats. Washington believes they are associated with the Quds Force, part of Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard Corps, and that they trained Iraqi militants.

The carnage within Iraqi borders Thursday was a sign that insurgents remain intent on destabilizing Iraq as the U.S. shifts its focus to the war in Afghanistan. Attacks are down sharply from past years of war and militants have been driven from many strongholds, but they routinely inflict casu-

alties in Baghdad and northern Iraq, a cauldron of ethnic and sectarian tension.

In a statement on his Web site, Iraqi President Jalal Talabani condemned the attacks and said the "forces of evil and terrorism" were trying in vain to demoralize Iraqi security forces and the civilian population.

Some 130,000 U.S. troops remain in Iraq, but they have a much lower profile and are preparing for a complete pullout by the end of 2011. Iraqi attitudes are mixed, with some rejoicing over the absence of American troops in their streets and a new sense of sovereignty, and others worried that extremists will now have more freedom to operate.

"Our security forces are still weak, with poor intelligence," said Saeed Rahim, a government employee in Baghdad. "Deploying more unqualified troops into the streets does not necessarily lead to better results."



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TALK TO US

What artists/events do you think have contributed to rap ruin? How do you feel about Soulja Boy coming to Chicago? Tell Kyra via e-mail at kkyles@tribune.com. Please don't forget to include your full name, age and neighborhood, as we may run your comment in the paper.

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Bad rap? Soulja Boy definitely isn't alone

Crank dat. Turn your swag on. Prepare your best Bird Walk.

Soulja Boy Tell'em is set to perform at the New Regal Theater at 7 p.m. Saturday.

I know all the real hip-hop heads have their tickets in hand. No doubt, the rap icon who taught us to "superman dat [bleep]" will rap rings around Jay-Z, who preceded him at the Charter One Northerly Island Pavilion on Tuesday.

OK, you got me. I couldn't even type those last two sentences with a straight face.

But on a serious note: I'm hoping local rap fans—even those that sidestep all things Soulja—will at least give him a warm Windy City welcome.

He is what he is, and even some of the MC illuminati, Jigga included, respect his marketing genius.

I've railed against Soulja Boy in the past, but—other than exposing a dulled intellect via Twitter—he isn't doing anything wrong.

More importantly, he is not killing rap.

Long before the Bird Walker was born, the mainstream music machine touted mass appeal over artistry. Soulja is far from the first to exploit the industry's lyrical loophole. Just ask these throwback acts:

2 Live Crew

Their bumping bass obscured the fact that all the crew was doing was chanting what 8th-grade boys write on bathroom walls.

The release of 'Whoomp/Whoot There It Is'

Remember the '90s-era debate between 95 South (Whoot) and Tag Team (Whoomp) over who created this idiotic anthem? The real battle should have been over who to blame for popularizing paltry rap.

MC Hammer

The rapper-turned-reality-TV-star is one of the greatest dancers alive, but he did not live up to the "MC" in his name. I challenge you to recite four lines of his that made any sense. Go ahead, I'll wait. I would add Vanilla Ice as a rap/dancing addendum, but that two-song terror doesn't even deserve credit for a kill.

Master P

This rapper/producer built the No Limit empire. But he also introduced us to an arsenal of annoyances, including mind-numbingly dumb lyrics and rampant nepotism that rivaled anything Donald Trump ever did. I'll never forgive him for signing Silk the Shocker who, if he weren't P's brother, wouldn't have qualified for a karaoke night.

CORRECTION

A Wednesday Metromix event listing incorrectly stated the phone number for Shaw's Lobster Festival. The number is 312-527-2722.

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Expert shocked

Forensic anthropologist Clyde Snow has worked with families from Argentina to Iraq to identify loved ones found buried in mass graves, often attending funerals when the work is complete.

But even he hasn't seen a cemetery so desecrated as Burr Oak.

"It doesn't mean it [hasn't] happened, but I've never gotten involved in a case like this," said Snow, who inspected some of the remains at Burr Oak.

"It's really scandalous. If it turns out to be what it looks like—desecrating old graves to make room for new ones—it's a major crime."

Snow, a consultant to the Cook County medical examiner's office, was asked to assess the scene and help determine where the remains came from.

"There was no real attempt to rebury them," Snow said, with bones clearly visible through weeds.

Snow said he examined the remains of about seven victims, both men and women. He said bone fragments also were found but the fragmentation was post-mortem and likely caused by machinery that unearthed them.

Snow said he will not be working on this case any longer, but he knows what kind of grief the families face.

"They will be devastated," he said. "They won't know whether their people will be in that pile. It's going to be a major problem for the families of everyone involved." **TRIBUNE**

'BREACH OF TRUST'

FAMILIES OVERCOME WITH EMOTION OVER DUG-UP GRAVES; 4 CHARGED

Chicago Tribune

They came in droves, generations of families pushing their relatives in wheelchairs, holding them and helping them walk, all while clutching faded obituaries, death certificates and other documents.

Pamela Brown was one of hundreds who wandered through Burr Oak Cemetery near Alsip on Thursday, searching in vain for answers. They scanned tombstones, shouted out names and navigated the bumpy terrain.

When Brown heard Thursday that four people had been accused of reselling plots and dumping the remains of old bodies in an empty, abandoned lot, she was overcome with emotion. After searching the cemetery, she could locate only two of the grave sites of her 11 relatives.

"This is the biggest breach of trust I've ever experienced," said Brown of Oak Lawn.

Area funeral homes were inundated with calls from frantic families seeking burial records or assurance. A phone line the Cook County sheriff's office set up to take calls was overwhelmed. Alsip officials fielded hundreds of calls and dispatched police to handle traffic near the cemetery in unincorporated Cook County.

Prosecutors said 200 to 300 bodies were dug up and dumped in an isolated, weedy area of a cemetery at which many prominent African-Americans are buried, including civil rights icon Emmett Till. Exposed bones, chunks of concrete and broken coffins litter the hilly, overgrown area about four blocks long, authorities said.

Former cemetery manager Carolyn Towns, 49, foreman Keith Nicks, 45, and dump-truck



According to the Cook County Sheriff's Office, this hole covered with plywood inside Burr Oak Cemetery in Alsip is a mass grave adjacent to other grave sites. Four people are accused of reselling plots and dumping old bodies' remains. **ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/TRIBUNE**

operator Terrence Nicks, 39, all of Chicago, and back-hoe operator Maurice Dailey, 59, of Robbins, were each charged with dismembering a human body, a Class X felony. All face up to 30 years in prison.

"This crime, it's a whole new dimension that shows us what lengths people will go to for financial gain," said State's Atty. Anita Alvarez.

Sheriff Tom Dart said investigators, including dozens of FBI agents, would be at Burr Oak for months sorting through the discarded piles of bones. Not only were remains heaved into a "dump area" at the cemetery, bodies were allegedly double-buried in existing plots, Dart said.

"Literally, they were pounded [down]," he said. "They pounded the other [body] down and put someone on top."

Police described Towns, who has filed for bankruptcy three times, as the brains of the

operation. She had been fired by the cemetery's owners because of theft allegations.

Towns, who is being held in lieu of \$250,000 bail, was placed in the psychiatric wing of Cermak Hospital.

Keith Nicks, who has nearly a dozen arrests since 1998 for misdemeanors including assault, domestic battery and violating orders of protection, told a Tribune reporter in May that the cemetery made money but the owners weren't investing in equipment and upkeep.

Distraught family members had bigger concerns than appearances Thursday.

JoAnn Dean, 66, worried about her blood pressure and diabetes as she sat in the heat waiting for access to cemetery records. Number 96 on the list, she was too bitter and angry to leave or give up.

"They've opened old wounds," she said.

Burris won't seek re-election

Embattled Democratic U.S. Sen. Roland Burris is expected to announce Friday that he will not seek election next year to the seat that he was appointed to by disgraced then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich, sources said Thursday.

The senator is scheduled to make his decision known at a news conference Friday afternoon.

A top source close to the senator said that since starting in the U.S. Senate, Burris wasn't sure he could handle the grueling schedule of fundraising and trying to be a senator, especially in an environment where his popularity waned and "the tide was against him."

Burris thought it would be very difficult to raise the campaign cash he'd need to win the Democratic nomination, let alone the general election, the source said. But Burris plans to stay in office until his term ends in January 2011, the source added.

"He wants to be a full-time senator for the remainder of the term," the source said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. "He's really passionate about that. He won't be running for election. He'll just be the state's senator."

A Democratic source told the Tribune that Burris informed national Democrats he won't seek election.

"It actually means very little. I don't think he was on track to win this primary. It eliminates a minor headache. But that's it," the Democratic source said.

Burris repeatedly said he was unaware of any attempts by Blagojevich to try to secure personal or campaign funds in exchange for awarding the seat. But Burris also gave a series of evolving and sometimes contradictory details about his contacts with top Blagojevich allies leading up to his appointment.

Burris ultimately acknowledged attempting to raise funds for Blagojevich. In a recording by federal agents, Burris suggested to Blagojevich's brother that



he might donate money through his attorney amid a fear that getting the appointment would look like a quid pro quo.

Burris' statements, including his testimony under oath before a special House panel that recommended Blagojevich's impeachment, became the subject of investigations by the Sangamon County state's attorney's office in Springfield and the Senate Ethics Committee. John Schmidt, the Sangamon County prosecutor, recently closed a perjury probe resulting from Burris' sworn testimony with no charges.

BURRIS BACK STORY

U.S. Sen. Roland Burris, a former Illinois attorney general and comptroller, has been at the center of a political firestorm since Rod Blagojevich appointed him to fill the Senate seat vacated by President Obama weeks after Blagojevich's arrest on federal corruption charges. Among the charges Blagojevich faces is he attempted to sell the Senate vacancy to the highest bidder.

Quinn to sign construction bill

State lawmakers who met privately Thursday with Gov. Quinn said he told them he now plans to sign a \$29 billion statewide construction bill next week. If he does, it would mark the latest change of heart for Quinn, who has been criticized by fellow Democrats for flip-flopping as politicians try to come up with a solution for Illinois' latest budget impasse. Quinn previously has tied signing the construction bill into law to a budget deal.

Man charged after firing at cop

Willie E. White, 26, whom Chicago police say fired a shot at a pursuing officer Sunday, has been charged with attempted first-degree murder, authorities said Thursday. Police said officers responded to a call of a man with a gun in Lawndale and saw a suspect running through backyards. White, of DeKalb, learned police were looking for him and turned himself in, police said.

Concert-bound truck flips over

A semitrailer truck carrying staging equipment for next week's Billy Joel and Elton concert at Wrigley Field overturned Thursday on the Northwest Side, Chicago police said. One person suffered non-life-threatening injuries in the accident, which happened about 2 p.m. at Irving Park and Pulaski Road, near the Kennedy Expressway.

Chicago-bound train crashes

Police say an Amtrak train crashed Thursday into a vehicle near Detroit, killing all five people in the car. There are no reports of injuries aboard the train, which was bound for Chicago. Passengers were taken by bus to Ann Arbor, Mich., where they boarded another train.

Mayor Daley goes gourmet

On Thursday, Mayor Daley got to spend his lunch hour chatting up some two dozen of Chicago's most popular chefs as the city announced the return of the Chicago Gourmet fest in September.

Daley praised the restaurant industry in his remarks and the chefs onstage with him at the Chicago Cultural Center, calling them charitable citizens and artists who "don't just talk about it, they just do it from their heart."

A self-professed foodie who admitted he doesn't cook much himself, Daley said Chicago's restaurant scene helps its standing as a global city.

"It's extremely important—the growth of the industry," the mayor said. "We're telling the rest of the world that we're really fortunate to have these artists and chefs behind me that truly represent, I believe, the finest culinary facilities in the world."

It really is Christmas in July

On Sunday, while most of America was recovering from 4th of July fireworks and cookouts, Sears launched an online boutique called Christmas Lane at sears.com and kmart.com.

It also set up Christmas decor shops at 372 Sears stores, including one at Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg.

Sears typically waits until Nov. 1 to unveil its holiday merchandise, said Sears spokeswoman Natalie Norris-Howser. But with the recession putting a crimp in spending, the retailer is hoping to attract holiday shoppers early.

"This is the first year we've done the Christmas Lane event," said Norris-Howser. "We're allowing customers to put these items on layaway and pay over time."

Kmart got a boost in sales during the holiday season last year when it promoted a long-forgotten lay-

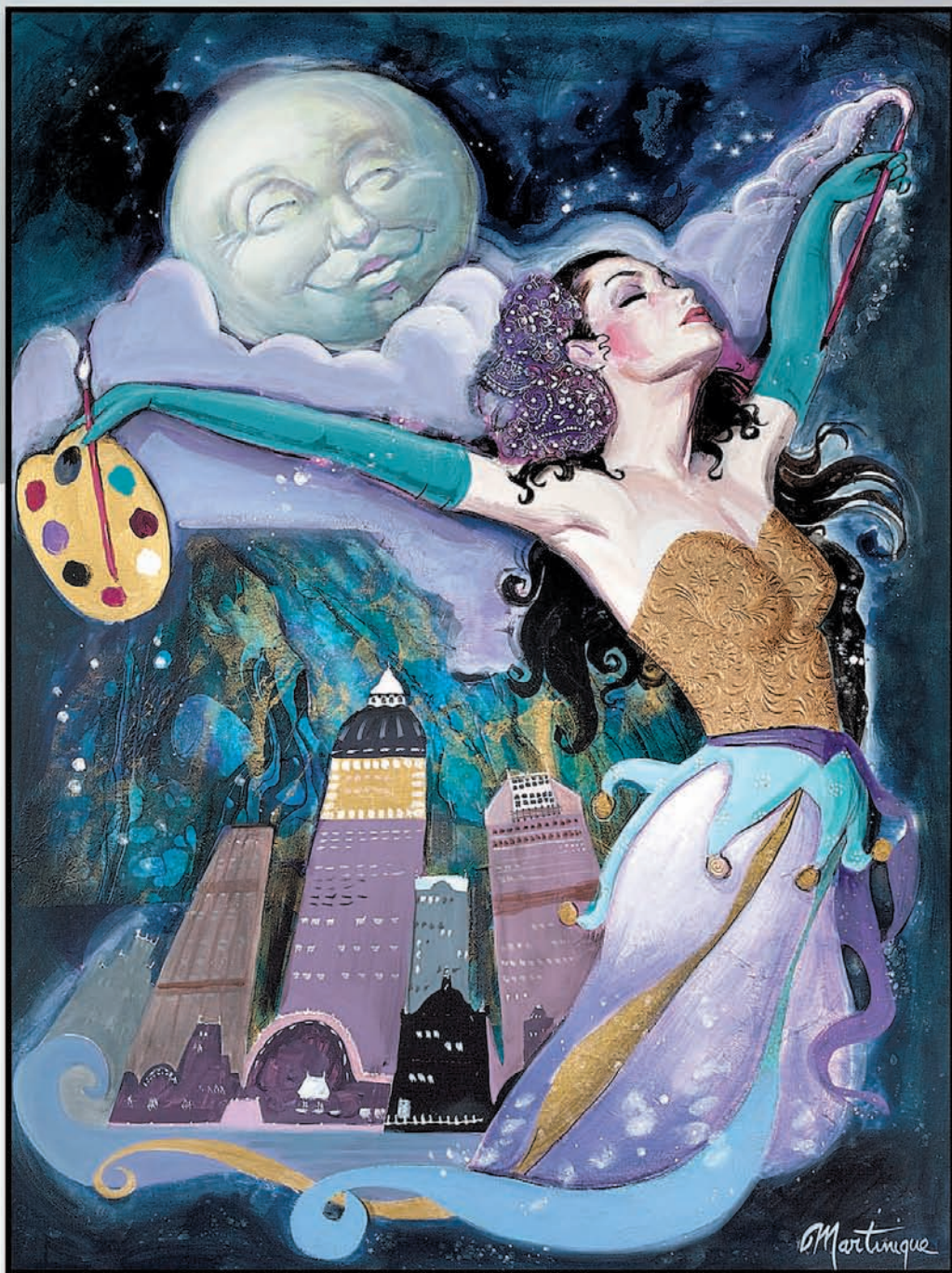
away program as an alternative to credit cards. Sears followed suit in November. Under a layaway program, shoppers pay for merchandise in installments and take the goods home after they are paid in full.

The Web page features a drawing of a main shopping street covered in snow and Christmas wreaths and an airplane flying a banner that says, "Free shipping for purchases over \$75." The site also showcases cold-weather gear such as snow blowers and electric blankets.

Last year, worried about a slowdown in consumer spending, many merchants, including Home Depot, Kohl's and Walgreens, began stocking their shelves with holiday wrapping paper, trim and trees in September.

The phenomenon, known as Christmas creep, is expected to kick into overdrive this year as retailers fight for their share of shoppers' shrinking wallets.

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Thousands protest in Iran

1 Thousands of protesters in Tehran on Thursday chanted “death to the dictator” and defied security forces who fired tear gas and charged with batons, witnesses said. The opposition made its first foray into the streets in nearly two weeks in an attempt to revive mass demonstrations that were crushed in Iran’s post-election turmoil.

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Tagged under fire

2 New York’s attorney general charged Thursday that **tagged.com** stole the identities of more than 60 million Internet users worldwide—by sending e-mails that raided their private accounts. Andrew Cuomo said he plans to sue the social networking Web site for deceptive marketing and invasion of privacy.

GM sale cleared

3 The path is now clear for General Motors Corp. to leave bankruptcy protection in record time as a leaner company that is better equipped to compete in a brutal global auto market. On Thursday, a judge’s order allowing GM to sell most of its assets to a new company went into effect.

Senator’s mistress gets \$100K

4 U.S. Sen. John Ensign’s parents gave the Nevada Republican’s mistress and her family nearly \$100,000 “out of concern for the well-being of longtime family friends during a difficult time,” an attorney for the senator said Thursday.

China quake injures hundreds

5 A moderate earthquake rocked southwest China on Thursday evening, injuring at least 336 people and collapsing 10,000 homes, state media said. The magnitude-6.0 temblor, centered in Yunnan province’s Yao’an county, damaged another 30,000 homes, the Xinhua News Agency said.

Tree looks like Virgin Mary?

6 Thousands of Irish Catholics have flocked this week to a County Limerick church to pray at the stump of a recently cut willow that many observers say has the silhouette of the Virgin Mary. “People have been crying out for something good to happen. And this is all good for the soul,” said a church project manager.



Sticking with fish

7 Sri Lankan fishermen, also known locally as stick fishermen, sit Wednesday perched on stilts fixed into the ocean floor as they fish in Koggala area, south of Galle, Sri Lanka. **AP PHOTO**



Racism against kids at pool?

8 **HUNTINGDON VALLEY, Pa.** Members and officials of a private swimming pool in a predominantly white Philadelphia suburb reacted to a visiting group of minority children by asking them not to return and pulling other kids out of the water, a day camp director said, and the state is investigating.

The Creative Steps camp in northeast Philadelphia had contracted for the 65 children at the day camp to go each Monday afternoon to The Valley Club in Huntingdon Valley, camp director Alethea Wright said Thursday. But shortly after they arrived June 29, she said, some black and Hispanic children reported hearing racial comments.

“Some of the members began pulling their children out of the pool and were standing around with their arms folded,” Wright said. “Only three members left their children in the pool with us.”

Several days later, the club refunded the camp’s \$1,950 without explanation, said Wright, who added that some parents are “weighing their options” on legal action.

In a statement released on its Web site Thursday afternoon, the club called the allegations of racial discrimination “completely untrue” and claimed overcrowding from more than one outside camp was the problem.

‘HOE’ OK

9 **CARSON CITY, Nev.** A 62-year-old Las Vegas man won a courtroom battle Wednesday with the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles over his “HOE” license plate, which the agency tried to cancel on grounds that he was using a slang reference to prostitutes.

The high court said the DMV based its opposition to William Junge’s plate on definitions found on Urban Dictionary, which includes user contributions. Justices ruled that the contributed definitions “do not always reflect generally accepted definitions for words.”

Junge, whose case was pursued by the American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada, said he got the plate in 1999 for his Chevy Tahoe after being told “TAHOE” wasn’t available.

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Kyle Busch still bitter about being 'dumped'

Associated Press

JOLIET Kyle Busch hasn't mellowed following his last-lap accident at Daytona that sent him into the wall, and then the infield care center—even as points leader Tony Stewart says all is fine between the two former teammates.

Busch claimed Stewart "dumped him," or caused him to wreck, and questioned if drivers should be allowed to win if they cause an accident that lets them take the lead.

"I think NASCAR can take a step in looking at it, and if the second-place driver bumps the leader, then black-flag [him]," Busch said Thursday at Chicagoland Speedway. "He doesn't get the win."

At Daytona, Busch took the lead on the next-to-last lap and tried to fend off a hard-charging Stewart. He successfully blocked Stewart once, but when he tried to do it again Stewart hooked Busch's right rear fender instead, sending Busch into the wall a few hundred yards from the finish.

Busch had no problems with a driver bumping the one ahead of him out of the way if it doesn't cause an accident.

"I gathered my stuff up and tried to block high and it was too late," Busch said. "Tony was already alongside."

Stewart called the accident a part of racing and said the two often-fiery drivers were on the same page following a 30-minute conversation about the circumstances of the wreck earlier this week.

Other drivers came to Stewart's defense.

"I certainly would not say that he got dumped," said four-time Cup champion Jeff Gordon. "If Carl Edwards would have said that, I would have said the same thing. It's not getting dumped when the guy has got a fender or bumper inside you and you turn and come across."



Kyle Busch spins as he is hit by Tony Stewart Saturday on the last lap at the Coke Zero 400 in Daytona Beach, Fla. **AP**



INFIELD OF DREAMS

Ladies and gentlemen, start your parties—NASCAR is here

By Brian Moore

REDEYE

JOLIET Chicagoland Speedway is the center of the NASCAR universe this weekend, and it's the center of the track—the infield, to be precise—where the real action unfolds.

That's the area die-hard fans such as Dan Schmidt, 21, and Kyle Ribisch, 16, call home during the three days of festivities. The two have been making the trip to Joliet from Minneapolis for seven years in the family's motor home.

But it's not necessarily the racing that brings them back.

"I come for the atmosphere," Schmidt said as he played a game of bags with Ribisch inside Turn 1 of the 1½-mile speedway. "You can't describe it. There's no rules. Pretty much anything goes."

"It's one of a kind," Ribisch added.

Think of the infield as a supersized tailgater at a Bears game—diverse and devoted. Fans establish makeshift homes out of high-end motor coaches, converted school buses, tents or trailers. And they bring along wild accessories—a quick survey of the infield Thursday revealed a suit of armor holding a Jeff Gordon flag, a casket filled with ice and beer (don't ask) and a kiddie pool with an inflatable

NASCAR DETAILS

Where: Chicagoland Speedway, 500 Speedway Blvd., Joliet

Nationwide Series: Dollar General 300 by Coca-Cola, 7 p.m. Friday, ESPN

Sprint Cup Series: LifeLock.com 400, 7 p.m. Saturday, TNT

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dragon bobbing in the water.

"It's wild," Ron Vilt, 45, of Wilmington said. "You meet a lot of good people."

Like Troy Johnson, 41, of Downers Grove. Johnson met Vilt in the infield in 2001. It was a chance encounter, but they've turned it into a tradition every year since then.

"We've known each other eight years now—all because of NASCAR," Johnson said from atop Vilt's school bus-turned-RV, which has a custom-built platform for prime viewing of the on-track—and off-track—action.



A NASCAR flag flies Thursday afternoon from Ron Vilt's racing-themed bus, parked in the infield of Chicagoland Speedway. Vilt, 45, from Wilmington, Ill., and a group of friends attend the race every year. **ELIZABETH MYERS/REDEYE**



Keith Rife turned the experience into a family affair, riding up from Danville in a motor home with his wife, son, daughter, sister, son-in-law and niece.

"This is a family thing because it's so close [to home]," said Rife, 42, a longtime fan who has traveled to NASCAR meccas such as Charlotte and Talladega, Ala.

While Chicagoland is a child on the NASCAR circuit, having hosted just eight Sprint Cup races, Rife said the fans are beginning to rival those of established tracks.

"This ranks up there," Rife said. "They're all race fans, but the people are nice as hell."

Katie Mayo, 21, of Mt. Greenwood agreed.

"It's totally a family atmosphere," she said, pointing out some of her "neighbors"—that's what she called the fellow fans camped out nearby. "I like that they have seats on top of their houses."

Mayo said she plans to come back next year—but she'll make one big change.

"[I'd] definitely take the entire weekend off," she said, bemoaning that she has to work Friday. "And not miss a minute at all."

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Vickers takes pole



JOLIET Brian Vickers won the pole for the LifeLock.com 400 on Thursday at Chicagoland Speedway, his fifth pole of the season.

Now the Red Bull Racing driver wants one of those starts to help get him to Victory Lane.

Vickers ran a lap of 184.162 mph for his 10th pole in 191 career Cup races. Throw out races where qualifying laps were rained out, and Vickers has won the past three Sprint Cup poles.

"It was an amazing lap," Vickers said. "I didn't expect it to be that quick. I knew we had a really good car, and it was just up to me to mess up or finish the job."

Vickers' Red Bull Racing teammate Scott Speed was second at 182.958. Three-time defending Cup champion Jimmie Johnson was third. Denny Hamlin and Clint Bowyer round out the top five.

Hockey can't come soon enough

So we're out of answers—again.

That's the situation on the North Side, where no one can figure out why the Cubs' offense stinks. But I have a theory.

If you look at the history—if you can stand it—you can see that the Cubs are suckers for guys who might be superstars but in actuality don't really produce.

In the meantime, they throw the real gamers under the bus.

Case in point: Milton Bradley. He's "pressing," as they say, struggling in the field and at the plate. In the meantime, we let Mark DeRosa go, and, I'm sorry, apparently I'm the only one who remembers Jim Edmonds. A couple of strong hitters ... just let go ... don't need them. But that's OK, we've got Bradley and, dear lord, Kosuke Fukudome.

Oh, and the latest news flash: Alfonso Soriano still isn't a leadoff hitter. I think Lou Piniella might have been in the crow's nest the night the Titanic went down, but that's me.

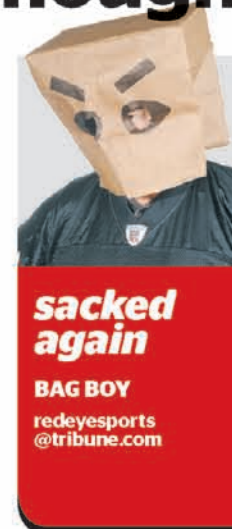
We've seen this before. In 2004, people. We had Mark Grudzielanek and Kenny Lofton as brilliant on-base guys, coming off very solid seasons in 2003, very effective in setting the table for the bigs. But no, we simply let them go because we had ... wait for it ... Corey Patterson. Here's a bucket—now you can throw up.

You need stars, and you need gamers. Now, the White Sox have stars who act like gamers, like Jermaine Dye. Another is Jose Contreras, a gamer who pitches like a star. I don't know what that makes him, but I've loved it since we traded for the 2005 Jose a few weeks ago.

And by the way, no complaining around here: One All-Star for each team. That's what happens when you play, more or less, .500 baseball. If the teams don't like it, they know what to do. It looks like one team knows what to do—and they're doing it. The other one, not so much.

Thank God baseball is finally heating up. It makes up for late paperwork for the Blackhawks. General Manager Dale Tallon was late in sending offers to the team's free agents, including Kris Versteeg. No harm, though. They're all signed.

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Motor heads

Jeff Brook joins the Five on Five panel for Friday. Better buckle up, Jeff, 'cause this is NASCAR week in Chicago.

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1 It's rivalry weekend with the Cubs vs. St. Louis and the White Sox vs. Minnesota. How big are these series?	Not nice to ask about size. Also impolite: "Hey Minnesota, show me your Twin Cities."	It's so big ... And that, ladies and germs, is how That Guy begins every opening line.	Big, but not big enough for me to miss Hammer Time at Volleywood.	As big as any series can be with half a season left to play.	As big as a Penguins-Flyers game in March.
2 Ozzie Guillen blamed Bartolo Colon's disappearance on his love of Michael Jackson. What's your theory?	Ozzie should know a colon needs to be routinely checked to prevent disasters such as this.	It's not Bartolo who loves Michael, but his inner child. Too soon?	He was cast in a Dominican version of "The Biggest Loser."	Colon's love of food, not Michael Jackson, is the root of his disappearance.	Nacho cheese bender.
3 What's your preference: NASCAR or IndyCar?	Uh, NASCAR? Who spring breaks in Indiana? Show me your Indiana Dunes?	MyCar.	NASCAR. Girls at Indy believe in birth control.	My preference is to completely ignore them (though Danica Patrick makes me lean toward IndyCar).	IndyCar. You think those NASCAR drivers drink lattes?
4 What's the danger in holding a NASCAR race at night?	Nothing, it's actually preferred. NASCAR fans look better in the dark.	Tony Stewart might invite you for his own personal "Quiet Storm."	Jeff Foxworthy, help me out here.	Besides the obvious? The drivers won't see that the stands are empty.	It's tougher to pick the hairs out of the grilled opossum meat.
5 What does the weekend hold for Lance Armstrong in the Tour de France?	Lots of spin, courtesy of his Twitter account.	A detour that just HAPPENS to swing by Sheryl Crow's All-Star Game concert.	He's introducing the Livestrong Thong. Fight Cancer. Wear a Thong.	Another yellow jersey and another claim from the French that he is doping.	He's gotta catch "Bruno," right?

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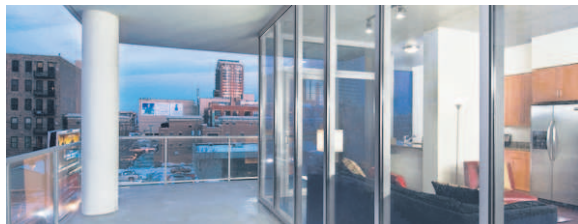
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Lance stays strong

Lance Armstrong remained a split second behind leader Fabian Cancellara on Thursday after a day of treacherous riding in the rain and the mountains looming at the Tour de France.

Thor Hushovd of Norway led a mass sprint finish to capture the sixth stage along wet roads south of the French border in Spain. Cancellara of Switzerland stayed just ahead of the seven-time champion following the 113-mile ride from Gerona to Barcelona.

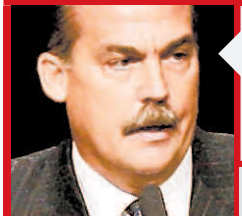
"Tomorrow is an important day," Armstrong said. "I don't know if it's the most important day, but it's definitely a big appointment on this Tour."



Phelps back on top

Michael Phelps broke the world record in the 100-meter butterfly at the U.S. national championships on Thursday, just two months after returning from a suspension that was part of the longest layoff of his career.

The 14-time Olympic gold medalist swam the two-lap final in 50.22 seconds at the Indiana University Natatorium. He lowered Ian Crocker's mark of 50.40 set at the 2005 world championships in Montreal.



» "No more turf toe, no more sacks. No more shoulder problems, and no more interceptions, only touchdown passes. I'm going to miss you No. 9." —Tennessee Titans head coach Jeff Fisher at Thursday's memorial service for former quarterback Steve McNair, who was found dead Saturday.

» L.A. Clippers sign overall No. 1 pick Blake Griffin

CLEVELAND 10, WHITE SOX 8

He's still got that Cubbie swagger

Kerry Wood still is making Cubs fans smile.

On his last visit to Chicago in a Cleveland uniform, the former North Sider was a two-time loser at Wrigley Field. This time, he returned to his old hometown—and beat the rival White Sox.

"It's nice to come back to Chicago and have a good outing after the last time I was here," he said after Thursday's 10-8 win over the Sox.

That would be last month, when Wood blew two saves at the stadium he called home for 11 seasons.

"It's not the first time [blowing saves] happened and it won't be the last time it happens," he said. "For me, it's how you bounce back. I'm getting back to where I need to be."

Wood earned his first four-out save since becoming a full-time reliever and helped his new team, the Cleveland Indians, beat the Sox 10-8 on Thursday.

The White Sox had been playing and pitching superbly in winning nine of their previous 11, but on Thursday they issued 10 walks, hit a batter and made two errors.

"When you walk people, you're not going to make money in this game," manager Ozzie Guillen said. "I looked up and they had nine runs and they only had about four hits."

White Sox starter Clayton Richard (3-3), who lasted only one-plus inning, was used on three days' rest because Guillen wants to use John Danks, Gavin Floyd and Mark Buehrle at Minnesota this weekend.



Kerry Wood
AP

CUBS HITS

» Geovany Soto's MRI showed some minor damage in the lower left oblique, but the Cubs aren't expected to make a decision on his status until after this weekend. Jake Fox will serve as the backup catcher for the four-game series against St. Louis, which begins Friday at Wrigley Field.

» Kevin Hart was optioned to Triple-A Iowa on Thursday, while right-handed reliever Jeff Stevens, who was acquired from Cleveland in the Mark DeRosa deal, is expected to be called up Friday.

SOX HITS

» Bartolo Colon went five innings, giving up one run (on a wild pitch) on two hits and two walks with one strikeout Thursday in his first rehab start for Triple-A Charlotte. He threw 40 of 65 pitches for strikes.



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1:20 p.m. WGN
Mark DeRosa can't be the savior on the DL can he? Ha, serves you right, St. Louis!



MLB
White Sox at Minnesota

7:10 p.m. CSN
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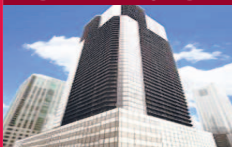


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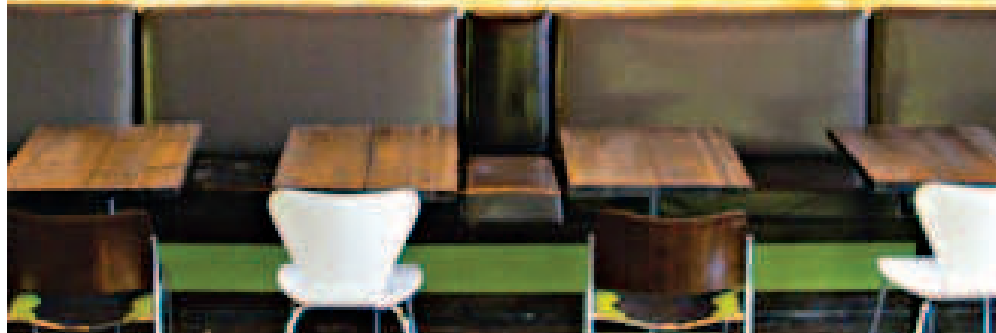
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Let's go Crazy

Could new Loop spot Cibo Matto add more fun to an already hot hotel?

By M. Kathleen Pratt

Cibo Matto, the modern Italian restaurant on the second floor of new Loop boutique hotel The Wit, has a tough act to follow. The last venue to open there, 27th-floor cocktail lounge Roof, is shaping up to be one of this summer's after-work hot spots.

But success may be within reach. The two venues share a chef, Todd Stein, a pro who's made the rounds of high-profile spots across the country, including David Burke in Las Vegas, Bank in Minneapolis and MK here in Chicago. And by all appearances, he's got everything under control: Cibo Matto opened a couple of weeks ahead of schedule—an almost unheard of feat in the restaurant world.

Cibo Matto (pronounce the first word with a sexy Italian accent: CHEE-bo) means "crazy food" in Italian. But the name refers more to an attitude than to any specific aspect of the food or presentation. Stein delivers plates that are ambitious but not overwrought. And while the dining room, punctuated by a row of high-backed leather settees and a semi-open kitchen flanked by a chef's table in back, has plenty of personality, it's tempered by a soothing color palette and stark wood tables. The craziest thing in the place? A modern-day ceiling "fresco" by visual artist Todd Murphy, a trippy piece that commands attention from just about every vantage point.

first look

Cibo Matto
The Wit Hotel, 2nd Floor
201 N. State St.
312-239-9500



Cibo Matto
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Though it's located in The Wit, Cibo Matto has fewer physical ties to the hotel than its counterparts. Off-lobby access is reserved for Roof and the more casual all-day restaurant State and Lake, while Cibo Matto is accessible only through a separate entrance just north of the hotel's main doors. To get to the second floor, you must ascend a glass staircase—and you can almost feel the trappings of the bustling bar and lobby below dropping away as you do.

But while you can take the restaurant out of the hotel, you can't take the hotel out of the restaurant. On the night we visited, the usual cast of hotel characters was out in full force: The T-shirt-clad walk-ins; the neatly pressed businessmen; the large party of mismatched travelers getting just a little too boisterous with the aid of the complimentary after-dinner limoncello cocktails.

Yet there also were sharply dressed thirtysomethings clearly there to check out the scene, any early buzz fueled perhaps by the instant popularity of Roof. Which raises a question: Will Cibo Matto succeed as a destination for locals, as Roof has done? The answer, of course, lies with the food.

Stein says he cooks with an Italian mind and American ingredients, a claim he deftly backs up

with ingredient-focused antipasti such as tender grilled octopus and green herb salsa (\$14) with crisp fingerling potato discs, celery and lightly pickled pearl onions; and creamy buffalo mozzarella (\$12) with cool melon, salty prosciutto di parma and sweet saba.

Pasta dishes are also straightforward but roundly satisfying, from ricotta-stuffed ravioli (\$12) in an airy garden peas puree with roasted tomatoes and nutty shelled peas and pea shoots, and bucatini carbonara (\$12), long, thin pasta tubes cloaked in velvety egg yolk and peppered with generous cubes of guanciale with crispy, caramelized edges that give way to melt-in-your-mouth ribbons of fat.

The summer entree lineup is seafood heavy, playing to what proves to be the kitchen's forte. Our server talked up the braised short rib (\$27), served off the bone with ricotta-garlic creamed spinach, but it couldn't compare to the swordfish (\$30), a moist, precisely grilled piece of fish served over a duo of complementary tomato and port-spiked olive sauces and accented with lemon and the subtle anise scent of shaved fennel.

Could one chef have two summer blockbusters on his hands? Crazier things have happened.

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By Rebecca Palmore
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Samantha Ronson
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CRIMSON LOUNGE

9 p.m.: Samantha Ronson. No cover before 10 p.m. \$20 after; 333 N. Dearborn St. Hotel Sax. 312-923-2453.

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RedEye

Sacha Baron Cohen knows how to get noticed. The British comedian and creator of “Da Ali G Show” and “Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan” hits the big screen again Friday with “Bruno,” his comedy about a gay Austrian fashion reporter who comes to America after he’s chased out of Europe. In the film he interviews a Middle Eastern terrorist, adopts an African baby, tries to sleep with a disgusted Ron Paul and causes a near-riot at an ultimate-fighting event.

Cohen hasn’t reserved his outlandish behavior just for the movie, however. He’s been stirring things up around the world this summer playing Bruno.

It all started with Cohen’s May 31 appearance at the MTV Movie Awards, where he pretended to fall as he was suspended above the audience, landing with Eminem’s head between his butt cheeks.

The July issue of GQ featured a nude Cohen on its cover, and photos inside showed him posing in shoulder pads and tight red shorts with football players from Birmingham High School in L.A. The Los Angeles Unified School District disciplined two school administrators.

Cohen has upped the ante with each appearance this summer, donning skimpy costumes at photo calls and premieres from London to Sydney.

After meeting Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd in Sydney, Cohen told reporters that he had slept with the official.

“The reason I’m late is I just had breakfast in bed with Kevin Rudd,” he said, according to The Associated Press. “That guy is like, uber cute. I thought Obama

MORE BRUNO

Gay community anxious over “Bruno.” **Page 33**

was, like, the hottest guy in the world until I met Kevin.”

It was somewhat disappointing when Cohen appeared as himself on Tuesday’s “Late Night with David Letterman.”

But the comic managed to save the day when he told Letterman about trying to find a real terrorist to interview in “Bruno.”

“It’s not that easy to find an actual terrorist,” he said. “In fact, your government has been looking for one for about nine years.”

Cohen thankfully returned to spoof mode on Thursday, when he appeared as Bruno during a chat with Matt Lauer—although maybe the put-on made “Today” producers a little nervous.

They faded to black when Bruno, after being informed by Lauer that the Austrian minister to Great Britain had called for a boycott of the film, broke down in tears and reached out to hug Lauer.

“VAT?” said Bruno, who wore a silver jumpsuit and tiny black hat. “This is the first I’m hearing of this. This is a very private moment. Close up, please ... Hug me, I feel so lonely!”



London

His royal guard-ness on June 17. **GETTY IMAGES**

HE'S GOT THE LOOK

Sacha Baron Cohen has popped up everywhere as his latest alter ego, a flamboyantly gay Austrian fashionista, to promote the Friday opening of his film "Bruno." Here's a look at Cohen's—well, Bruno's—many looks during his around-the-world tour this spring and summer.

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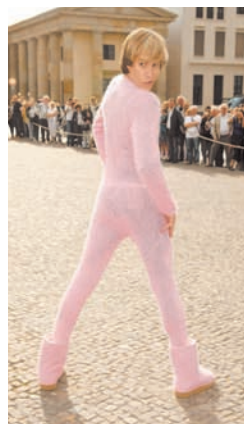
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Bruno the bull in Spain on June 18. GETTY IMAGES



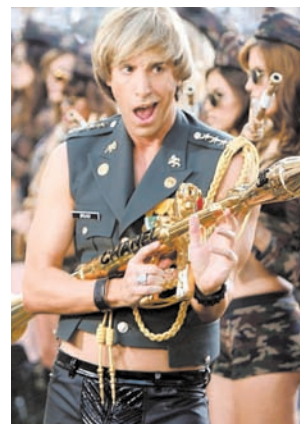
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Bruno the gladiator at the premiere on June 29. GETTY IMAGES



Berlin

No, Bruno wasn't nude on June 21, but we won't show him turned around. GETTY IMAGES



L.A.

He may be dressed in a military look, but did Bruno butch it up at the June 25 L.A. premiere? Um, no. GETTY IMAGES



Paris

Who says gold and plaid don't match? In France on June 15. GETTY IMAGES



Sydney

The schoolboy in Australia on June 29. GETTY IMAGES



MTV Movie Awards

Bruno wore leopard print (above) before the MTV Movie Awards on May 31, but donned an angel outfit—without pants—when he flew over the crowd and on top of Eminem. GETTY IMAGES FILE

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BRUNO (R)



(Sacha Baron Cohen) flaunts his homosexuality in the most ostentatious ways possible, from enduring an on-camera anal bleaching to piloting a TV show featuring a flopping, talking penis. Bruno also meets with a "gay converter" in Alabama, trades an iPod for an African baby, tries to bring peace to the Middle East and pointlessly chases a group that declares, "God Hates Fags."

The buzz: As the film uses a blend of documentary and scripted sketches to skewer gay stereotypes, the question is if "Bruno" can possibly seem as fresh, daring and real as 2006's hysterical "Borat," which made Cohen a more widely recognizable star.

The verdict: A funny, fearlessly absurd comedy but a shaky satire, "Bruno" often goes off-topic, confusing the message—those prejudiced against gays see all homosexual behavior as this overt—with subjects muddled by race, religion and celebrity-obsessed culture. The film's bravery also is dulled by choosing such easy targets and by skepticism over its authenticity (a clearly scripted early scene with Paula Abdul casts doubt over much that follows). Where Borat's naivete cleverly exposed ignorance, the imposing "Bruno" becomes redundant and obvious in showing just how alarmed people are by deliberately confrontational behavior. You don't have to be as anti-gay as the Arkansas mixed martial arts fans onscreen to think two guys making out in the ring seems out of place, and not much of a step toward tolerance.

MATT PAIS, REDEYE

Gays anxious about flamboyant 'Bruno'

Newsday

Jews. Blacks. Hunters. Christians. Wrestling fans. The military. Austrians. Hamas. Ron Paul. People who watch daytime talk shows. People born south of New Jersey.

Oh yes, and gays.

These are just some of the groups poised to get lathered up over "Bruno," comic-critic Sacha Baron Cohen's new exercise in carefully calibrated bad taste that opens Friday.

In his follow-up to the wildly successful "Borat," Cohen has again made a movie whose notoriety precedes it. It has the gay community feeling particularly anxious: Bruno, first seen on "Da Ali G Show," is a flamboyantly gay fashionista and seeker-after-celebrity who wants to be "the biggest Austrian superstar since Adolf Hitler."

Arguably, it's Bruno's insatiable desire to maneuver himself into the public eye that's really the heart of the film and its social criticism.

But what's more of a legitimate concern for gays—and not just gays, of course—isn't Cohen's caricature of Bruno's sexuality, but how that portrayal will be received by the less-than-brilliant. Opinion is all over the map.

"Those of us at the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation who saw 'Bruno' agreed that it's not really helpful to try to critique this as a single film. It's really a 90-minute series of sketches—some of which hit their mark, but some of which hit our community instead, and in ways that feel fundamentally antithetical to the intentions of the filmmakers," Rashad

OH MY GOD!

Pastor Jody Trautwein says he's happy to be in "Bruno," even if Sacha Baron Cohen tricked him into doing it.

In the film, Bruno sits for a counseling session with Trautwein, a youth pastor at Point of Grace Ministries in Birmingham, Ala. The pastor asks whether the outrageous Austrian is ready to welcome Jesus into his heart.

"Are you hitting on me?" Bruno says.

Trautwein said his comments and reactions are edited out of order for effect, but insists he's glad his forthright witnessing remains in the movie. He said he maintained his composure as Cohen made offensive comments.

"It didn't matter whether I was talking to Bruno or Sacha Baron Cohen," Trautwein said. "I truly prayed that he would be changed and ask Jesus into his heart." **RELIGION NEWS SERVICE**

Robinson of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation said in a prepared statement.

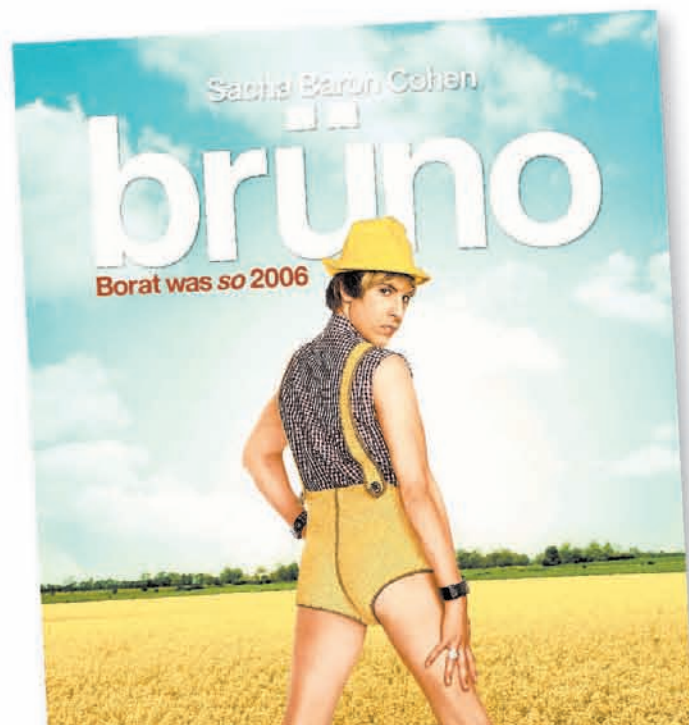
In one scene involving a hot tub, the film purposely takes what are presumed to be straight perceptions of the gay sex life and explodes them beyond recognition. Will straight audiences understand the overstatement?

"I think it's a very, very gay movie," said Corey Scholibo, arts-entertainment editor for the gay-centric Advocate magazine. "And I think gay people, when they see this film, are going to feel it's a movie that was made for them."

But even while thinking "Bruno" was "hilarious" ("I spit my water out"), Scholibo said his personal jury is still out regarding the film and the larger straight population.

"I think young straight men who aren't gay-positive will be going to 'Bruno' and laugh at it," he said. "Whether or not, in the process, Cohen in some genius way undermines any of their fears—which is a very real possibility—that would be great. Or will they be laughing at the silly queers? ..."

"I don't know how it's going to play out, especially at a very heated time about gay rights in the United States."



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THE HANGOVER

@redness

I think I wet myself. Several times. And strangely, I'd like to do it again.

@scottkleinberg

I can't remember the last time I laughed so hard. I'd actually be OK with seeing it again.

TRANSFORMERS: REVENGE OF THE FALLEN

@paulcuentino

Transformers 2 is as long as advertised, but not nearly as horrible as most make it out to be

@MatthewGaydos

Transformers 2 had more explosions and more robots than it's predecessor and even less of a sensible plot, A+

@quoteBEquote

Transformers 2 was decent...who really went to see Oscar worthy performances?...just hot robot on robot action & Megan Fox...



'Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen'
PARAMOUNT PICTURES

AWAY WE GO @BVAX

Jim Halpert grows a beard and this flick was still like watching paint dry!

@txarkguy

away we go was so charming that it snuck up on me and i didnt want it to end. john and maya are so symbiotic 2gether.

@retrotrash

Away We Go was funny, heartfelt, and one of the best movies I've seen in years. I laughed, I cried, I need to see it again!

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- **Beth Cooper** (PG-13) 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10
- **Public Enemies** (R) 10:30, 12:30, 1:45, 3:45, 5:00, 7:00, 8:10, 10:20, 11:15
- **Transformers** (PG-13) 11:30, 12:45, 3:00, 6:30, 7:30, 10:00
- **The Proposal** (PG-13) 11:40, 2:15, 4:50, 7:45, 10:40
- **Pelham 123** (R) 4:30, 10:50
- **The Hangover** (R) 11:50, 2:40, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
- **Up** (PG) 11:00, 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:45

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)

2828 North Clark St., Chicago
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- **Food, Inc.** (PG) 2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45
- **Girl-Monaco** (R) 2:05, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55
- **Away We Go** (R) 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00
- **Whatever Works** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 9:40
- **Chéri** (R) 1:55, 4:15, 7:05, 9:50
- **Blood: The** (R) 2:15, 4:50, 7:10, 10:05
- **The Hurt Locker** (R) 1:45, 4:35, 7:25, 10:10

CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)

2600 N. Western Ave.
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- **Brüno** (R) ★ 10:15, 12:10, 12:40, 3:00, 3:30, 5:20, 6:10, 7:40, 8:30, 10:10, 10:45
- **Beth Cooper** (PG-13) ★ 10:40, 1:20, 4:00, 6:50, 9:30
- **Ice Age 3D** (PG) ★ 10:30, 11:30, 1:00, 2:10, 3:40, 4:50, 6:20, 7:10, 8:50, 9:50
- **Ice Age** (PG) ★ 9:45, 12:20, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30
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- **Transformers** (PG-13) 10:10, 11:20, 12:45, 1:30, 2:40, 4:05, 4:40, 6:05, 7:20, 8:00, 9:20, 10:40
- **Year One** (PG-13) 10:00 P.M.
- **The Hangover** (R) 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:50, 10:20
- **Up** (PG) 11:10, 1:40, 4:20, 6:40, 9:10

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
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- **Harry Potter** (PG) ★
- **Brüno** (R) ★ 11:50, 1:50, 3:50, 5:50, 7:50, 9:50
- **Public Enemies** (R) ★ 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
- **Transformers** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30
- **The Hangover** (R) 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:10

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- **Public Enemies** (R) 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00
- **Ice Age** (PG) 10:20, 11:20, 12:45, 1:45, 3:10, 4:10, 5:30, 6:30, 7:45, 8:45, 10:00, 11:10
- **Transformers** (PG-13) 10:45, 11:45, 12:45, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 10:45
- **The Proposal** (PG-13) 11:10, 1:40, 4:05, 6:45, 9:05, 11:30
- **Pelham 123** (R) 10:00, 12:30, 2:55, 5:25, 7:50, 10:20
- **The Hangover** (R) 11:30, 1:50, 4:10, 6:35, 8:55, 11:20
- **Up** (PG) 10:15, 12:40, 3:05, 5:40, 8:05, 10:30
- **Drag Me to Hell** (PG-13) 11:50, 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10, 11:25
- **Dance Flick** (PG-13) 10:10, 12:20, 2:20, 4:20, 6:20, 8:20, 10:20

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- **Up** (PG) 2:00, 4:05, 6:05, 8:10
- **Angels & Demons** (PG-13) 2:15, 5:45, 8:20
- **Land of Lost** (PG-13) 2:10, 4:15, 6:20, 8:30
- **Star Trek** (PG-13) 1:55, 4:10, 6:25, 8:40

MUSIC BOX

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- **Il Divo** (NR) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- **Séraphine** (NR) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
- **Drag Me to Hell** (PG-13) 12:00 Midnight
- **Indiana Jones** (PG) 12:00 Midnight

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)

1608 N. Wells, Chicago
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- **Kambakkht Ishq** (NR) 11:55, 3:00, 6:00, 9:10
- **My Sister's Kpr** (PG-13) 11:40, 2:10, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
- **Pelham 123** (R) 11:00, 4:30, 10:00
- **AMC Select Moon** (R) 11:50, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10
- **Angels & Demons** (PG-13) 1:30, 7:00

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

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- **AMC Select The Hurt Locker** (R) 10:20, 1:20, 4:25, 7:50, 11:05
- **Brüno** (R) 10:00, 10:45, 11:30, 12:30, 1:15, 2:00, 3:00, 3:45, 4:30, 5:30, 6:25, 7:10, 8:10, 9:00, 9:50, 10:50, 11:40, 12:25
- **Ice Age 3D** (PG) ★ 10:05, 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:05, 10:40
- **Public Enemies** (R) 10:15, 11:40, 12:35, 1:35, 2:50, 4:10, 5:00, 6:15, 7:00, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 10:30, 11:00, 12:00
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- **My Sister's Kpr** (PG-13) 10:40, 1:25, 4:05, 6:50, 9:40
- **Transformers** (PG-13) 10:10, 11:50, 12:20, 1:00, 1:30, 3:25, 4:00, 4:45, 5:10, 7:40, 8:20, 8:50, 11:20, 11:50
- **The Proposal** (PG-13) 10:25, 1:05, 3:50, 6:30, 9:15, 12:05
- **Year One** (PG-13) 11:15, 1:50
- **AMC Select Away We Go** (R) 10:30, 12:55, 3:30, 6:00, 8:40, 11:15
- **AMC Select Whatever Works** (PG-13) 11:10, 1:45, 4:15, 6:55, 9:30, 11:55
- **Pelham 123** (R) 4:35, 7:25, 10:15
- **The Hangover** (R) 11:45, 2:15, 5:05, 7:45, 10:35
- **Up** (PG) 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:15, 10:05

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Skokie
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- **Brüno** (R) ★ 10:15, 11:10, 12:10, 12:40, 1:40, 2:40, 3:30, 4:10, 5:10, 6:10, 6:40, 7:30, 8:25, 9:10, 10:00, 10:45, 11:40, 12:20, 1:00
- **Beth Cooper** (PG-13) ★ 11:20, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10, 12:40
- **Ice Age 3D** (PG) ★ 10:30, 11:00, 1:00, 1:30, 3:50, 4:20, 6:15, 6:50, 8:50, 9:40, 11:20
- **Ice Age** (PG) ★ 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20
- **Public Enemies** (R) ★ 11:40, 12:30, 1:10, 3:00, 4:00, 4:30, 6:05, 7:10, 8:10, 9:20, 10:30, 11:30, 12:30
- **My Sister's Kpr** (PG-13) 10:40, 1:15, 4:15, 6:45, 9:30, 12:10
- **Transformers** (PG-13) 10:00, 11:50, 12:20, 1:20, 3:10, 3:40, 4:40, 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:20, 11:50
- **The Proposal** (PG-13) 11:15, 12:50, 2:00, 3:45, 5:15, 6:20, 7:50, 9:15, 10:40, 12:01
- **Pelham 123** (R) 9:55, 12:45
- **The Hangover** (R) 11:45, 2:30, 5:20, 7:45, 10:15, 12:50
- **Up** (PG) 10:50, 1:50, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45, 12:15

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
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- **Brüno** (R) ★ 10:15, 11:15, 12:15, 12:40, 1:50, 2:30, 3:30, 4:20, 5:10, 6:10, 6:50, 7:30, 8:25, 9:20, 10:00, 10:45
- **Ice Age 3D** (PG) ★ 10:30, 1:00, 3:50, 6:40, 9:00
- **Public Enemies** (R) ★ 10:00, 11:30, 12:45, 1:40, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:20, 7:20, 8:10, 9:50, 10:30
- **Transformers** (PG-13) 11:50, 3:10, 6:30, 10:05
- **The Proposal** (PG-13) 10:20, 12:10, 1:20, 4:45, 7:40, 10:20
- **The Hangover** (R) 11:00, 1:30, 2:45, 4:30, 5:20, 7:00, 7:50, 9:40, 10:15

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)

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- **Brüno** (R) ★ 12:40, 3:30, 6:10, 8:25, 10:45
- **Beth Cooper** (PG-13) ★ 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
- **Ice Age 3D** (PG) ★ 1:00, 3:50, 6:20, 8:50
- **Ice Age** (PG) ★ 1:30, 2:10, 4:20, 4:50, 6:50, 7:20, 9:40, 10:10
- **Public Enemies** (R) ★ 12:45, 4:00, 7:10, 10:30
- **My Sister's Kpr** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:20, 6:15, 9:00
- **Transformers** (PG-13) 12:20, 12:50, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50
- **The Proposal** (PG-13) 1:10, 3:45, 6:40, 9:30
- **Pelham 123** (R) 1:40, 4:15, 6:45, 9:55
- **The Hangover** (R) 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15
- **Drag Me to Hell** (PG-13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

4779 W. Cermak
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- **Brüno** (R) ★ 12:40, 3:30, 6:10, 8:25, 10:45
- **Beth Cooper** (PG-13) ★ 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
- **Ice Age 3D** (PG) ★ 1:00, 3:50, 6:20, 8:50
- **Ice Age** (PG) ★ 1:30, 2:10, 4:20, 4:50, 6:50, 7:20, 9:20, 10:10
- **Public Enemies** (R) ★ 12:45, 3:00, 4:00, 6:15, 7:10, 9:30, 10:30
- **My Sister's Kpr** (PG-13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:50, 10:35
- **Transformers** (PG-13) 12:20, 12:50, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50
- **The Proposal** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:15, 6:45, 9:40
- **Year One** (PG-13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 8:00, 10:40
- **The Hangover** (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15

OAK PARK LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)

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- **Brüno** (R) ★ 12:00, 1:55, 3:50, 5:45, 7:45, 9:45
- **Public Enemies** (R) ★ 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
- **Ice Age 3D** (PG) ★ 12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 6:30, 8:40
- **Transformers** (PG-13) 12:15, 3:25, 6:35, 9:45
- **The Proposal** (PG-13) 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40
- **The Hangover** (R) 12:50, 3:05, 5:20, 7:35, 9:50
- **Up - Disney 3D** (PG) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00

EVANSTON CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)

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- **Brüno** (R) ★ 11:30, 12:40, 1:45, 2:55, 4:00, 5:10, 6:15, 7:25, 8:30, 9:40, 10:45
- **Girl-Monaco** (R) ★ 12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00
- **Beth Cooper** (PG-13) ★ 11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50
- **The Hurt Locker** (R) ★ 11:30, 1:00, 2:30, 4:05, 5:35, 7:10, 8:40, 10:15
- **Away We Go** (R) 12:25, 3:00, 5:30, 7:55, 10:25
- **Ice Age 3D** (PG) ★ 11:25, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
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- **The Proposal** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20
- **Transformers** (PG-13) 12:15, 3:40, 5:25, 7:05, 8:50, 10:25
- **Up** (PG) 11:55, 2:25, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05
- **Whatever Works** (PG-13) 12:05, 2:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45

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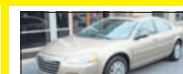
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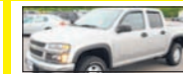
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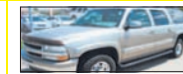
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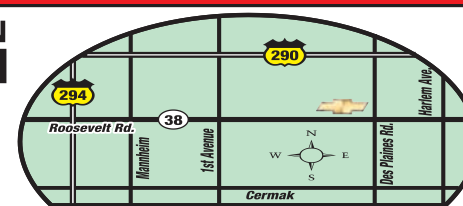
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MATT'S PICKS FOR WHAT'S ALSO PLAYING

I LOVE YOU, BETH COOPER (PG-13)

■■■■■ A caricature of teen life instead of an appreciation of it, the stilted, airless "I Love You, Beth Cooper" rigidly adheres to the novel's basics and loses all of the spunk, wit and complexity in translation.



Hayden Panettiere in "I Love You, Beth Cooper" FOX

MY SISTER'S KEEPER (PG-13)

■■■■■ Stop yanking at my tear ducts!

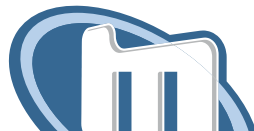
PUBLIC ENEMIES (R)

■■■■■ A little context would be nice.

TRANSFORMERS: REVENGE OF THE FALLEN (PG-13)

■■■■■ Watching it feels like wearing a vacuum cleaner as a hat.

» READ MATT'S FULL REVIEW OF "BETH COOPER" IN SATURDAY'S REDEYE AND FIND OTHERS AT METROMIX.COM.

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paced**MATT PAIS
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LOCKER** (R)Jeremy Renner in
'The Hurt Locker'
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Director Kathryn Bigelow's "The Hurt Locker" is the first dramatized Iraq war movie that will really rock you. Anthony Mackie stars as a highly disciplined soldier in Baghdad in 2004, working to protect a scared new recruit (Brian Geraghty) and get along with a fearless staff sergeant (Jeremy Renner, extraordinary) who's an expert at disarming bombs. Bigelow skillfully strips down the movie, which isn't about whether it's right or wrong for the soldiers to be in Iraq. With anxious, fearful anticipation, you'll feel each grueling second tick by, as Bigelow reminds us how many days these guys have left in their tours of duty. Whether they live or die, go home or come back, war is always a countdown to something.

ALSO OUT FRIDAY**Blood: The Last Vampire** (R)

■■■■■ Who's in it?
Gianna Jun,

Allison Miller, Koyuki and Larry Lamb

What it's about: Vampire Saya (Jun) hunts demons at an Air Force Base in Tokyo during the Vietnam War, getting sent undercover at a local high school. Before you can sing the theme to "21 Jump Street," violence breaks out, and Saya must protect Allison (Miller), a general's daughter.

Worth watching?

"The middle and the end feature a weak lead character, choppy fight choreography, humorless dialogue and computer-generated effects that look like they came from the 'Ghostbusters II' era."

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Margaret Cho plays
an office manager
on the new show
'Drop Dead Diva.'
LIFETIME

'Diva' a better fit for comedian Cho

MCT

Margaret Cho knows a thing or two about negative body image.

That's what attracted her to her latest endeavor, Lifetime's new series "Drop Dead Diva," premiering Sunday. Cho plays the office manager for a plus-sized attorney who becomes the unknowing vessel for a gorgeous—but dead—blonde.

"Because it's so much about weight and about how women are valued by the way they look and how certain values are placed on certain body types," she said, "it's a really positive portrayal of the way we view our bodies and the ways it's addressed."

The new series sounds like a better fit for Cho than her 1994 ABC sitcom "All-American Girl," an experience that proved disheartening—and unhealthy—for her.

The network constantly hassled Cho about her weight.

"I was very anorexic when I was doing 'All-American Girl,' which was frustrating because I never really got that thin," she joked. "But I was very destructive in the way I was treating my body—my diet and exercise—because I was being pressured by the network to lose weight. ... The bulimia and anorexia partially made me focus on eating disorders and talk about body image in my work a lot. So in my stand-up comedy, there's a lot of commenting on the way we talk about women's bodies and weight."

She turned to alcohol and drugs.

"I got very frustrated and disillusioned with Hollywood and the way things worked," she said. "That was the time I became more self-destructive and had some trouble with drugs and alcohol, things like that that happen in your 20s when you're using substances in the wrong way."

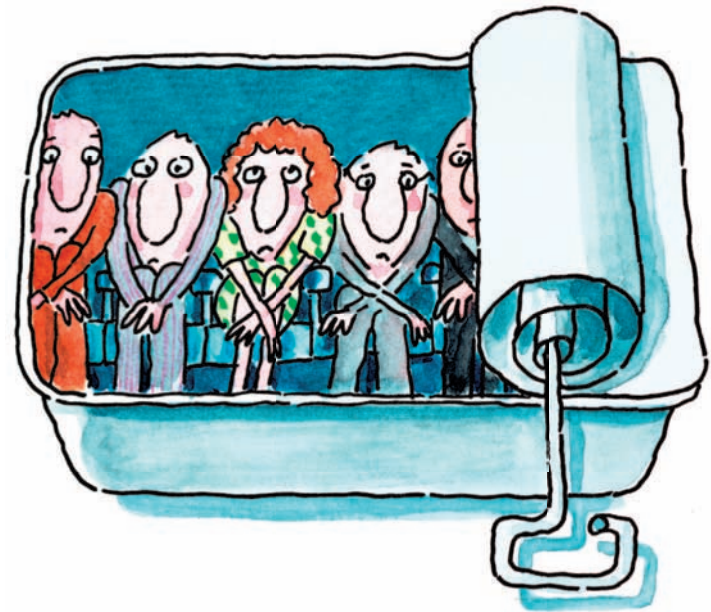
With all that behind her, Cho has taken a somewhat restrained job in "Drop Dead Diva," although she still manages to fling a lot of attitude in her role. After all, the 40-year-old rebel is famous for her stand-up routines that shift from caricatures of her Korean parents to raunchy sex tales.

"I like stand-up comedy because it's very unpredictable, it's very natural," she said. "I don't really know where it comes from or how I do it. I just kind of GO when I do it. ... I've been in comedy for 25 years so that world is very comforting and easy for me to maneuver in, and also I've gotten to an age where I feel like I'm everybody's mom—all the stand-up comics' mom."

Cho, who's been married to performance artist Al Ridenour for six years, would like to be a real mother, but says she and Ridenour have tried unsuccessfully.

"It doesn't mean that I can't adopt. It's not that meaningful for me to physically have them. I think it's fine to adopt them," she said. "Older children or those with special needs, to me that seems like an appealing thing. I really love children of all ages."

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'Cavalia' puts its best hoof forward

Chicago Tribune

"Cavalia" is just a horse show like Cirque du Soleil is just a circus act.

The white big top now towering over the Ike just west of the Loop is soon to be filled with prancing hooves — and galloping hooves, jumping hooves, highly choreographed hooves, hooves trained with as much precision as their next-door neighbors at Hubbard Street Dance.

"Cavalia" is a touring performance from Montreal opening in Chicago for a several-week run this Tuesday. The stars are horses. Other than that, the comparison to Cirque is an apt one. Like Cirque, "Cavalia" raises its game to the level of multimedia, big-budget extravaganza. There will be live music and video projections. It's a big ticket (prices top out at around \$200).

And like Cirque, a show promises to be more than the sum of its parts.

But what exactly is this thing? What does "Cavalia" look like?

The artists on the 160-foot, sand-covered stage are both four-legged and two-legged. There are about 18 scenes, each with its own theme or narrative.

"The Discovery," for example, is the show opener, a dance between a woman and a horse. "Bareback Riding" is human riders making flying leaps and somersaults from the backs of running horses. "Bungees Cavaliers" melds horse movements and aerial acrobatics.

Cavalia

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Horsing around

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» **Noble Horse Theatre:** The landmark Noble Horse Theatre in Chicago's Old Town nearly closed for good in January. But plans are afoot to bring back "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" in September. 1410 N. Orleans St.; check in September for ticket information at 312-266-7878 and noblehorsechicago.com.

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» **Medieval Times:** Equestrian skills are a big part of ye olde entertainment. Open run at the Schaumburg Castle, 2001 N. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg; \$59.95 at 888-935-6878 and medievaltimes.com.

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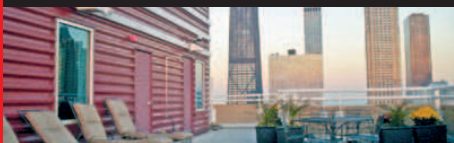


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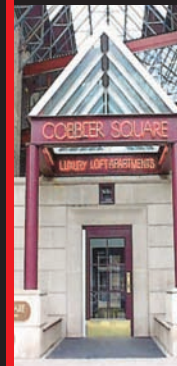


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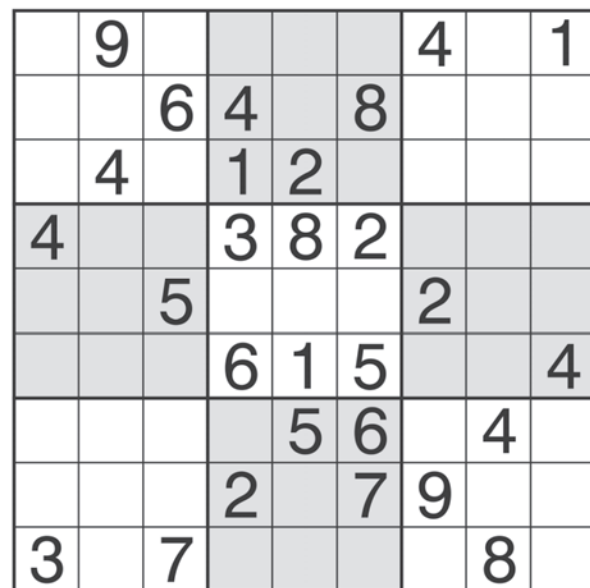


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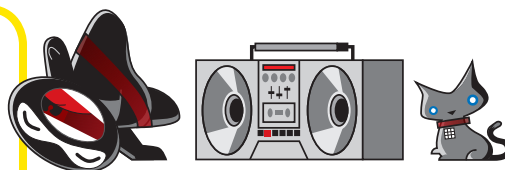
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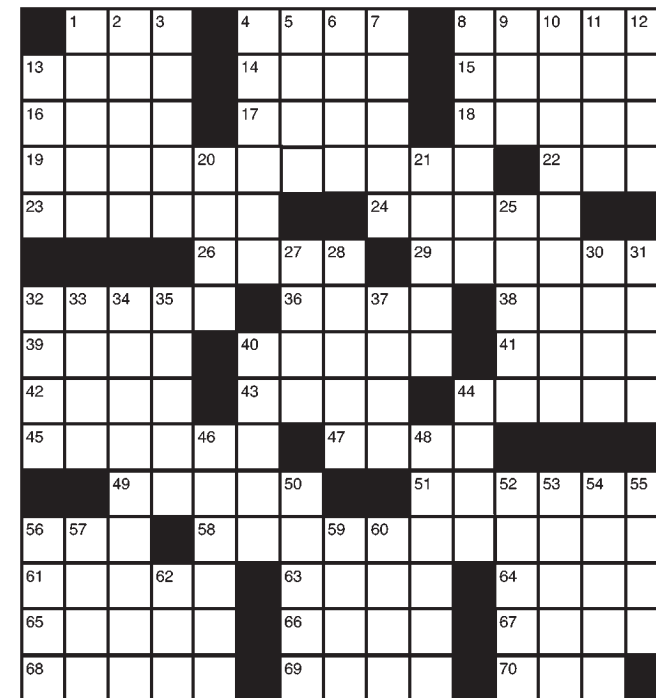
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ACROSS

- 1 Scottish cap
- 4 Wound covering
- 8 Tranquility
- 13 "I never _ purple cow..."
- 14 Vagrant
- 15 Encourage
- 16 Jai
- 17 Gorillas
- 18 _ down; softened in intensity
- 19 Basic foundation
- 22 Drug tragedies, for short
- 23 "Achoo!"
- 24 Group ethics
- 26 Doing nothing
- 29 Disease-carrying fly
- 32 Guiding phrase
- 36 Caught in _; found to be dishonest
- 38 Small brook
- 39 River in Spain
- 40 One of _; unique thing
- 41 Suffix for tact or alphabet
- 42 Rise high
- 43 Unable to hear
- 44 SAT & others
- 45 Felt
- 47 Food fish
- 49 Boils & blisters
- 51 Church tables
- 56 Everybody
- 58 Pronounces clearly
- 61 Goes first
- 63 Crucifix
- 64 Talk wildly
- 65 With 48 Down, make-up \ maker
- 66 Helper
- 67 Bullfight shouts
- 68 Spirited horse
- 69 Wharf
- 70 Peg for Els

DOWN

- 1 Animal's claw
- 2 Cognizant
- 3 Augusta, _
- 4 Was generous
- 5 Policemen
- 6 Aid in crime



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| 7 Chest | 28 Inventor Howe | 50 Leather fastener |
| 8 Piper and Pan | 30 Bench piece | 52 Fortuneteller's deck of cards |
| 9 Conceited one's concern | 31 Building wings | 53 " _ of Two Cities" |
| 10 Doubters | 32 Jumble | 54 Actress Zellweger |
| 11 Like most colleges | 33 Woodwind instrument | 55 Concorde and others, briefly |
| 12 Finishes | 34 Interpret | 56 Pub orders |
| 13 Often fluid-filled pouches | 35 Human trunk | 57 For fear that |
| 20 Italian opera singer | 37 News, for short | 59 505 and 506 |
| | 40 Deadly viper | 60 Area _ |
| 21 Famous | 44 Relate | 62 Actress Ruby |
| 25 Spine-tingling | 46 Cleared the slate | |
| 27 Place to fish | 48 See 65 Across | |

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To your (Twitter) health

We posed the following question to RedEye's massive Twitter audience: What do you think about celebs giving health advice? Here's what they had to say. The prescription for the best social media in Chicago is at twitter.com/redeyechicago. Try it. Doctor's orders.

COMPILED BY SCOTT KLEINBERG.

@LaurenGavel Heidi Pratt is a twit. simple as that.

@Mica4Life If you aren't certified, your best bet should be having someone that is write a guest column.

@sdliver If I wanted health advice, I'd ask my doctor, not some half-silicone/plastic celeb thank you very much.

@mschau Just because they feel like they have power, doesn't mean people should listen to them. Take health advice from knowledgeable people

@AlliLibb It's a good idea in theory since they are celebs and can influence others, but a bad idea because they have no credibility

@dav3choi It's not their fault for saying it, it's everyone else's fault for listening



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shape shifters

Pratt, Paltrow firing off fitness advice

What do Heidi Pratt (right) and Gwyneth Paltrow (left) have in common—aside, of course, from being so gosh-darn delightful?

They're really super-excited about getting you to stay in shape.

That's right. America's most notorious reality TV diva and actress-slash-life-guru Paltrow both have come out with unsolicited advice recently on how to avoid looking plump. Pratt's pitching a new downloadable workout series, she tells *People* magazine, and Paltrow has fired off yet another lifestyle newsletter—this one about a detox diet—on her goop.com advice Web site.

Can you tell whose advice is whose? Take RedEye's Pratt-Paltrow challenge and find out!

Who did it?

Match the fitness fact or quote to the actress who said or did it.

1. "Staying fit is something I'm really passionate about."
2. "I feel pure and happy and much lighter."
3. She's avoiding "white" foods, like carbs, but eating lean meats, green vegetables, apples and berries.
4. "I dropped the extra pounds that I had gained during a majorly [sic] fun and delicious 'relax and enjoy life phase' about a month ago."
5. Bow before me, all you peoples of Earth—and lose the weight!

ANSWER KEY: 1 and 3: Pratt; 2 and 4: Paltrow; 5: OK, We made that one up.



Season
6 cast of
"Project
Runway"
LIFETIME

Designers, make it work

On **people.com**, "Project Runway's" Tim Gunn weighed in on the 16 contestants who will be battling it out on the Lifetime show, which returns Aug. 20. Check out the designers and his take on each of them.

1 Mitchell Hall Age: 26

Hometown: Savannah, Ga.

Gunn's take: "Looks like he just stepped out of 'Gossip Girl.'"

2 Ari Fish Age: 26

Hometown: Kansas City, Mo.

Gunn's take: "She's deeply conceptual."

3 Nicolas Putvinski Age: 27

Hometown: New York

Gunn's take: "Why are you here?" (wondering about Putvinski, who may be kind of a snob about fashion).

4 Louise Black Age: 32

Hometown: Dallas

Gunn's take: "Thoughtful, contemplative, and never a hair out of place."

5 Malvin Vien Age: 24

Hometown: New York

Gunn's take: "When you see this guy, you won't believe he's from Colorado."

6 Shirin Askari Age: 24

Hometown: Richardson, Texas

Gunn's take: "She's young, she's pretty, she's articulate."

7 Ra'mon Lawrence Coleman Age: 31

Hometown: Minneapolis

Gunn's take: "[Ra'mon] thinks entirely too much."

8 Christopher Straub Age: 30

Hometown: Shakopee, Minn.

Gunn's take: "He wears his emotions on his sleeve."

9 Gordana Gehlhausen Age: 45

Hometown: Charleston, S.C.

Gunn's take: Expect a lot of "textile development." Translation for non-designers: She's gonna work that fabric, yo.

10 Irina Shabayeva Age: 27

Hometown: New York

Gunn's take: "Her models look as if they've been in for a dozen fittings and they haven't."

11 Johnny Sakalis Age: 30

Hometown: West Hollywood, Calif.

Gunn's take: "People will love him, or hate him."

12 Kristyl Frazier Age: 42

Hometown: New York

Gunn's take: "She's entertaining to watch."

13 Logan Neitzel Age: 26

Hometown: Seattle

Gunn's take: "You get a crunch-granola feeling in what he does."

14 Althea Harper Age: 24

Hometown: Dayton, Ohio

Gunn's take: "She's going to blow people away."

15 Carol Hannah Whitfield Age: 24

Hometown: Charleston, S.C.

Gunn's take: "People will be disarmed by what they see her achieve."

16 Epperson Age: 50

Hometown: New York

Gunn's take: "He's elder-statesmanlike."

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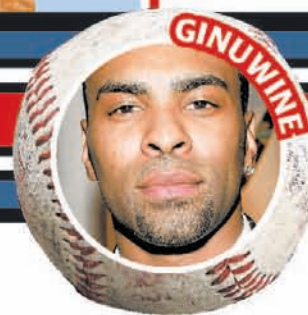
Just,
sayin'

Some of the models who strutted down the catwalk at the Jean-Paul Gaultier show during Paris Fashion Week were wearing threads that looked *very* familiar.

Lady Gaga
APA model from
Jean-Paul Gaultier's
latest collection
GETTY IMAGES

Heavy hitters

They don't call it the All-Star game for nothing! President Obama is lined up to throw out the ceremonial first pitch Tuesday in St. Louis, and on Thursday Major League Baseball announced Sheryl Crow will perform the national anthem, The Associated Press reports. Country star Sara Evans will sing during the seventh-inning stretch. Elvis Costello, David Cook and Ginuwine also are expected to perform.



THE VELVET ROPE

Grand-
parenthood

Jim Carrey is going to be a grandpa, according to a report. His daughter Jane, 21, from his first marriage, is expecting her first baby with boyfriend and rocker Alex Santana, according to radaronline.com. "I am very excited," Carrey said.

"Jane is going to be a great mom." We're guessing the baby will be entertained when Grandpa baby-sits.



Carrey

Young gun

Alan Ruck didn't look like a teenager when he played sidekick Cameron Frye in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," but he didn't look 29, either. Well, he was 29, he tells the Los Angeles Times. "It was the opportunity that presented itself," Ruck said. "When I was 18, I didn't look like a fully formed human being."

Ryan's world

Oh, baby! Ryan Reynolds says he and wife Scarlett Johansson want to adopt—someday. "My oldest brother is adopted, and I have every intention of adopting at some time," "The Proposal" star tells British Glamour's August issue, according to usmagazine.com excerpts. "I'm very grateful for having my brother in my life. I couldn't be more pro-adoption. There are plenty of kids in the world that need it." Sounds like good news for ScarJo, who in February told Harper's Bazaar she has no plans for pregnancy "any time soon."

More on Michael

The flood of Michael Jackson news keeps rolling on: L.A. officials say they spent \$1.4 million to provide security, traffic control and other services for Jackson's Tuesday memorial service, The Associated Press reports. Meanwhile, the singer who performed "We Are the World" and "Heal the World" has been identified by Rolling Stone as 25-year-old Judith Hill, a Jackson backup singer.

HOT DATE

Oct. 2

That's when Michael Moore's new film, "Capitalism: A Love Story," is set to hit theaters, according to Moore's Web site.



Moore